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Vilna, now in the hands of the Germans, is the great railroad center of western Russia. It is a city of nearly 250,000 people and was formerly the capital of old Lithuania. It is a center of one of the rich areas of Russia and is on the main line of railroad from Petrograd to Warsaw, Berlin and Vienna.

The loan to the allies is said to be now assured and the American public will doubtless soon have a chance to absorb the securities. While there seems no reason to doubt the security offered, with the war at its present stage, the bonds are for men who are willing to take a little risk and should not be considered for trust funds where absolute safety is demanded.

Whether or not the allies are allowed to use their loan in this country to purchase munitions of war is of no consequence whatever. If the war continues England and France will be obliged to transfer gold to this country and this with the interest on American securities held in France and England will pay for all the war munitions they are likely to buy. It merely releases the loan funds to buy food, clothing, machinery, etc. To separate the two is merely of sentimental rather than actual importance. The real importance of the loan from the allies point of view is to tie this country closer to their cause. Up to within a short time it has not seemed possible that the allies could be beaten in the long run but, with the crushing of the great armies of Russia, the gradual exhaustion of France, the failure of Italy to make headway and the seeming lack of loyalty among a large proportion of the English people, renders the outlook for the allies far less bright. If they are facing defeat they need the support of the United States to prevent the imposition of too severe terms. If they owe the citizens of this country a billion dollars the United States cannot afford to have them squeezed beyond ability to pay. The big loan is a legitimate investment for American bankers and it is an anchor to windward for Great Britain and France.

BULGARIA IN TURMOIL

Apparently Don't Know Which Way to Flap.

London, Sept. 19.—The political situation in the Balkans is still shrouded with considerable mystery. There is now talk in Berlin of the Bulgarians seizing by force, if they cannot get them otherwise, the portions of Macedonia taken from them by the Serbians and Greeks at the close of the last Balkan war. It is asserted that Bulgaria has called the Macedonian Bulgars to the colors and that there is a warlike feeling in existence among the Bulgars generally.

With Bulgaria surrounded by Serbia, Greece and Rumania, and her coasts open to attack by Anglo-French, Italian, and Russian fleets, however, it is believed here that Bulgaria will hesitate before throwing in her lot with the Central Powers and Turkey.

Turkey is declared to be having her own troubles over the cession of the Dedeagatch Railway. The Mussulman population in this strip of land is said to be in revolt against being placed under the Bulgarian Government.

A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Sofia, dated Sept. 17, says:

"The Opposition leaders at their audience with King Ferdinand declared that it would be fatal for the country to continue its neutral policy, and in order to safeguard the country against a policy which would be contrary to the interests and sentiments of the nation, they recommended the formation of a coalition Cabinet and the immediate summoning of Parliament."

"The King listened attentively to the speeches of the Opposition leaders and promised seriously to consider the views expressed by them. After the audience the King summoned Premier Radoslavoff."

"Five political parties were represented at the audience and the leader of each outlined at length the views of his party on the political situation. The eagerness of the King to receive the deputation has considerably relieved public feeling."

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I hereby demand payment of said taxes, and notify you that I will attend at the Bennington County Savings Bank from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m.

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BIG FIGHT FOR SPORT SHIRT

Courts May Decide Whether They Are Fit Schoolboy Apparel.

Merchantville, N. J., Sept. 17.—"Can the public school authorities allow the girl pupils to wear low-neck dresses and forbid the boys to wear sport shirts with turned-down collars?"

This question has caused two special meetings of the local Board of Education, an appeal to the County School Superintendent, then to the State Board of Education, and it may go to the courts.

Two small boys of F. V. Turner appeared at school attired in immaculate waists, but with low collars, open at the front. The teacher sent them home. Mr. Turner complained to E. J. Frey, the principal, and he sustained the teacher, as did the local Board of Education. W. B. Wolcott, a lawyer, has been retained by Mr. Turner to carry an appeal to the State Board of Education, and if necessary, to the courts.

It will be represented that the school authorities cannot prescribe the kind of attire pupils shall wear if it is respectable and clean. Each morning Mr. Turner sends his two sons to school and they are promptly told to go home.

MOTORISTS GOT AWAY

After Their Car Had Hit Carriage of Burlington Man.

Joseph Douglas, of Burlington, received a broken rib and probably other injuries Wednesday afternoon when the carriage in which he was riding with F. J. Browe was struck by an automobile, the horse running away. Mr. Browe escaped with a severe shaking up and a few scratches. The accident occurred when Mr. Douglas and Mr. Browe were returning to the Browe home on Chipman hill. It is said that the automobile was going at a rapid rate of speed when it hit the hub of one of the forward wheels.

The motorists did not stop. Mr. Browe called up Deputy Sheriff N. J. Sanford from the home of Frank Stearns and the sheriff promptly telephoned ahead of the automobile, getting the number, 39,094, Massachusetts. The automobile was stopped and the names of the occupants were given as Mr. and Mrs. Wheelock. They claimed to know nothing of the accident and were allowed to go on.

The carriage was wrecked.

CHALLENGE FOR FEDS

Outlaw League Wants Try at Championship.

New York, Sept. 20.—In a challenge sent yesterday to organized baseball for a world's series James A. Gilmore, resident of the Federal League, waives financial interests, and offers to turn the Federal League's entire share of the receipts, win or lose, over to a charity designated by a tentative committee composed of President Woodrow Wilson and Mayors William Hale Thompson of Chicago and John Purroy Mitchell of New York. Letters inviting them to serve in the event of acceptance by the National Commission of the Independent's challenge were sent last week.

Containing that the best interests of baseball can be preserved only through competition such as a three-cornered series embracing all the major leagues would provide Mr. Gilmore directed the challenge to the National Commission, leaving all details to that body. Following is a copy of the challenge:

To "Garry" Herrmann, the Hon. John K. Tener, and B. B. Johnson, members of National Commission:

Gentlemen: On behalf of the Federal League I hereby challenge the winner of the series between the National and American Leagues of 1915 for a series of as many games as you may suggest, for the baseball championship of the world. The Federal League's share of the receipts, win or lose, to be turned over to any charitable organization selected by a committee composed of the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, the Hon. William Hale Thompson, Mayor of Chicago, and the Hon. John Purroy Mitchell, Mayor of New York.

In my unanswered challenge of 1914 to you I fully elaborated on why the world's championship in baseball could not properly be decided without the Federal League being represented. Therefore no necessity of again outlining our reasons.

I am sure that the American public want an undisputed champion of the great national game and not an alleged world's championship team.

Awaiting the courtesy of a reply, I remain yours truly,

James A. Gilmore, President. Transportation and all other expenses incurred by the Federal League pennant winners in participating in such a series as Mr. Gilmore suggests would be borne by the independent league, he explained. He insists that any one of five teams now in the thick of the Federal League pennant fight is capable of defeating any team or teams in organized baseball.

ENGLISH WORKMEN THREATEN

Conscription Will Be Followed by Serious Industrial Troubles.

London, Sept. 18.—The executive committee of amalgamated unions, representing 300,000 workmen today served notice on the government that any attempt at conscription would be followed by serious industrial trouble.

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